

and thoughtful acts. The Heroes of the Heartland program not only showcases the heroes among us, but also helps raise crucial funds to ensure that the American Red Cross is prepared and equipped to assist those that need food, shelter, and comfort during emergencies and difficult times.

To be named Heroes of the Heartland, these six men responded in an extraordinary fashion to what began as an ordinary game of golf. On July 12, 2012, at the sixth tee box at Indian Creek Country Club, Dennis Kjarland suffered a heart attack. Without hesitation, these six men responded to the life-threatening situation by calling 911 and collectively performing chest compressions and assisted breathing for 15 minutes before first responders arrived. Because of their brave actions and quick thinking, Mr. Kjarland recently had the opportunity to celebrate his 70th birthday. The actions of these six men are truly an example that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, the actions of these men that earned them each the title a "Hero of the Heartland" are a testament to the humble, hardworking and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating these six men on a job well done, thanking the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa for their life changing efforts, and wishing all of those involved in the Heroes of the Heartland program continued success for years to come.

#### REDUCING FLIGHT DELAYS ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 26, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1765, authorizing flexibility to the Secretary of Transportation for the purpose of transferring funds into the FAA operations budget to prevent additional furloughs from further slowing commercial aviation traffic.

This is a commonsense action to ensure that understaffing at air traffic control centers does not compromise the safety of the flying public. In addition, reliable commercial aviation service underpins the business travel that is vital to America's economy and is especially critical to America's tourism industry as the summer vacation season approaches.

While this is a necessary action, it is just a quick-fix and does not address the budget shortfall that will prevent the FAA from performing all the important tasks our nation expects of it. Current air travel delays are only one example of the counterproductive budget cuts included in sequestration that will harm our economy.

And while this bill takes one small step to provide relief, others in our community will still feel the impact of sequestration: cancer patients will still find it difficult to access care because of the two percent Medicare reimbursement reduction, thousands of children will be shut out of a Head Start classroom, and sen-

iors will struggle from reductions in Meals on Wheels programs. Congress must reach a long-term debt agreement that will replace the sequester with a more responsible approach to deficit reduction.

I regret that our nation's air traffic controllers were forced to reduce their level of service to the flying public due to this unfortunate consequence of sequestration. I am privileged to represent many of this nation's 20,000 controllers and applaud them for working through this difficulty.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill and thank our leadership for its consideration.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF STEVE AND CAROLYN WALLACE

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 6, 2013*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Steve and Carolyn Wallace. This event will take place on May 4.

Clark Stephen Wallace was born on November 22, 1936, in Anniston, Alabama, and Hannah Caroline Allen was born on November 4, 1942, also in Anniston. They both lived on Mulberry Avenue in Anniston for six years before going on their first date in 1963. After persuasion from family and church members, Carolyn asked Steve to a Valentine's Day banquet at Glenaddie Baptist Church. Steve accepted, and they were married three months later on May 4, 1963, at the same church where they went on their first date.

Steve served six years in the United States Air Force and retired from the United States Post Office. Carolyn retired from the Calhoun County School System where she was Assistant Manager of the Saks Elementary School lunchroom.

Together, Steve and Carolyn have two children, Robert Clark Wallace and Rebecca Lucille Wallace Griffin. They have three grandchildren, Robert Brandon Wallace, Michael Stephen McLeroy and Zachary Hunter Wallace. They have one great-grandchild, Alanna Jade Wallace.

Steve and Carolyn are active members of Saks Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama.

Please join me in congratulating this lovely couple on 50 years together. The celebration will take place on May 4 at a reception with their friends and family members.

#### CELEBRATING SENIOR CORPS WEEK AND THE SERVICE OF OLDER AMERICANS

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 6, 2013*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of national Senior Corps week.

Older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities.

For more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs—RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents—have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs.

Each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 1,700 in Arizona to serve their communities. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,400 young Arizonans who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 860 homebound Arizona seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols for local police departments, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 130 groups across Arizona.

Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety.

Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide.

At a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges.

Service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy.

The fourth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 6–10, 2013, is a time to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 6, 2013*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, during the week of April 23rd, I missed roll Nos. 118 through 128 due to cataract surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll Nos. 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, and 126. I would have voted "yea" on roll Nos. 118, 119, 123, 127, and 128.